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SELF-DENIALS IN EDUCATION.

Speaking of the driveling life youth must undergo these days and the many influences that war with clean life, clean thoughts and fine aspirations, Cornelia A. P. Conner, in "A Letter to the Rising Generation," in the Atlantic, says: "I don't approve," your fathers and mothers say anxiously, "but I hate to keep Tom and Mary at home when all the other children are allowed to go." These parents are conscientious and energetic in looking after Tom's teeth and eyes, and Mary's hair, tonsils and nasal passage, but seem utterly unconscious that mental rickets and curvature of the soul are far more deforming than crooked teeth and adenoids. If these children were protected from a vicious environment and educated into habits of a pure, clean, sensible life, there would need be much less anxiety concerning crooked teeth and nasal passages, says the Ohio State Journal. What education needs to make itself worth while is a conflict with the vulgarizing influences outside the home and the schoolroom. Life has become a hard problem for the children. They are surrounded by a cloud of pleasures and fascinations that lead them away from virtue, culture and serious thought. It may not make them vicious and criminal, but it does tend to make them stupid, insane and frivolous. This is certainly evident to every observing parent and schoolkeeper.

The terrible infantile paralysis continues to be a puzzle to the medical fraternity. It is a malady that appeared years ago, but not until lately has it assumed epidemic proportions. The disease is an affection of the spinal cord, though it involves the heart, liver, kidneys and lymphoid tissues. Efforts have been made to discover the germ of the disease, but it seems to be so small as to escape detection, says the Ohio State Journal. It is possible, that some time this winter the bacillus will turn up, since great investigations are going on in the laboratories. The devastations of the malady seem to have decreased during the cold weather, but there are apprehensions that early in the spring the fatalities will reappear. It is hoped by then the germ will be found out and an antitoxin devised for its demolition. While this disease is prone to attack children, adults, too, are subject to it. It is said about 20 per cent. of the cases die.

Relief from the exactions of fashion is aimed at through a petition which has been presented to the North Carolina senate, asking for legislation that will establish permanent and economical styles of clothing, in order that farmers and others with large families shall be exempt from the hardship of trying to keep up with prevailing modes. No doubt the object sought is a worthy one. But who is to be the "arbiter elegantiarum," such as the ancient Romans had, to set the pace in "what to wear?" And what assurance is there that the wife and children of even the poorest of poor men would be satisfied with any design on which the arbitration board should decide? Statesmen in North Carolina and elsewhere who attempt to "monkey" with the fashions are quite likely to find such action a good deal like dallying with dynamite.

A six-cylinder optimist is one who pretends to like all his wife's relatives. The matter of reclamation of waste lands is becoming of as much interest abroad as in our own country. Germany feels the need of acquiring all the tillable soil possible, and the matter has been up before the German Agricultural Congress at Berlin where Emperor William made an address on the subject. From statistics presented it was shown that there are hundreds of square miles of moorland which may be made available for grazing purposes, and His Imperial Majesty urged effective action along that line. Conservation of resources is of worldwide moment.

A baseball team, boys of the Roosevelt Grammar School, Ponce, P. R., may come to the United States to try conclusions with teams of its age, if sufficient encouragement is given. Last season its record was 54 games won, 10 lost. Porto Rico is Americanizing very fast.

STATE CAPITOL AT ALBANY, N. Y.



Edifice Valued at \$27,000,000 That Was Partially Destroyed by Fire.

FOR A BABY'S RANSOM \$12,000

THAT AMOUNT WAS PAID TO NEW MEXICO BANDITS.

They Came to Home of Mrs. Rogers at Las Vegas and Took Her Two-Year-Old Child.

Las Vegas, New Mexico.—Two masked men forced an entrance into the home of A. T. Rogers, a wealthy lawyer, at eleven o'clock Wednesday night and, at the point of revolvers, compelled Mrs. Rogers to surrender to them her two-year-old baby.

The kidnapers left a note for Mr. Rogers, who was not in the city, demanding \$12,000 in cash if the parents wanted their baby back alive, and directed that the money be paid at once. The demands were complied with to the letter. The money was paid and the child recovered.

The baby is a grandson of Judge Henry L. Waldo, a wealthy resident of Kansas City.

The bandits escaped, but posses in motor cars are searching the country for miles around. One of the kidnapers was partly identified as Dennis Hart, a notorious postoffice and bank robber, who recently broke jail at Albuquerque, where he was being held for trial on a charge of postoffice robbery.

THE TREASURY HAS A SURPLUS

For the First Time Since July, 1910, The Government is on a Paying Basis.

Washington, D. C.—Uncle Sam balanced his books and counted his cash and found the government on a paying basis for the first time since July 1, 1910.

The treasury began business for April with a surplus of \$3,000,000 on all ordinary accounts. There was a corresponding deficiency of more than \$16,000,000 a year ago. Treasury officials attribute the favorable gains to rapidly increasing receipts from internal revenue, more than to any other cause. Customs receipts have declined \$13,000,000, compared with a year ago.

NEW YORK SENATOR ELECTED

James A. O'Gorman is the Man Selected After a Long Struggle Which Failed to Elect Sheehan.

Albany, New York.—Amid shrieking renditions of Tammany songs by legislators who marched about the hall in lockstep, the United States senatorial deadlock was broken and supreme court Judge James A. O'Gorman grand sashem of Tammany hall, was chosen Chauncey M. Depew's successor. He got 112 votes against 80 cast for his Republican opponent.

Fined \$45,000 for Importing Mexicans
Washington, D. C.—A dispatch to Secretary of Commerce and Labor Nagel says the Grant Construction company has been fined \$45,000 under the contract labor law by the Arizona supreme court. This is the largest fine ever imposed under this law. The company was found guilty of importing contract laborers from Mexico.

Germany Rejects Peace Plan.
Berlin, Germany.—The Reichstag by a large majority rejected the Socialist motion calling on the government to take "immediate steps leading to an international agreement concerning universal limitation of armaments and the abolition of the right of capture at sea."

"MONEY TRUST" COMES NEXT

And Attorney General Wickersham Thinks It Very Head of Monopolies.

Washington.—Preliminary plans are being made by the department of justice for a struggle that will eclipse any legal engagement ever undertaken by the government—an attempt to dissolve the greatest of all combinations, the "money trust."

For months past the attorney general and his special investigators have had their eyes on the quiet, inconspicuous operations of the men and institutions which to all intents and purposes, practically control the big investment cash of the country. Prominent among those, in the opinion of the department of justice, are the Morgans, Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and the City Bank of New York.

Furthermore, it is the opinion of the department of justice that the mergers and consolidations which have been taking place in New York during the past winter particularly have all been to the one end—placing in the hands of these combined institutions millions piled upon millions and making them absolutely dictators of the really great financial movements of the country.

NO RE-ELECTION IN MEXICO

President Diaz in His Message Favors the One Term Plan for Officers.

The City of Mexico.—Committing himself to the advocacy of many of the reforms demanded by the revolutionists, although professedly bowing only to the influence of public opinion, Gen. Diaz answered his critics through his semi-annual message at the opening of the National congress. The principle of no re-election of the chief executive and incumbents of other elective offices and the reform of the electoral laws so that the privilege of the ballot may be enjoyed by those citizens "who are considered capable of voting" were advocated.

Arrest 60 Italians in Raid.
Kansas City, Missouri.—In a police raid in Little Italy 60 men, the majority of them Sicilians, and one woman were arrested. Twenty-eight shotguns, revolvers and rifles, a siletto, a cane knife, cartridges and shotgun shells in which the shot had been replaced with slugs, such as were used in the murder of Joseph Raimo Tuesday night, were found. The police action is a result of the assassination of Raimo.

Five Thousand Favor Strike.
Grand Rapids, Michigan.—Ninety-five per cent of the members of the Furniture Carvers' union of Grand Rapids which numbers 200 workmen, decided to walk out. This brings the total number of members of unions which have voted to strike to about 5,000.

Sapulpa Has a Fire Loss.
Sapulpa, Oklahoma.—Fire, unchecked for a time because of a lack of water, destroyed the Sapulpa Air-dome, the Newport tailoring establishment, the Spaulding & Nickerson buggy and wagon establishment and several barns, causing a loss of \$50,000.

A Mail Steamer Wrecked.
Louisburg, C. B.—With only her funnels showing above the water to mark her resting place, the Newfoundland mail steamer Bruce, plying between Port Aux Basques, N. F., and Cape Breton ports is a sad wreck.

COMMODITIES LAW UPHELD

Supreme Court Decides That Railroads May Not Control Subsidiary Companies.

Washington, D. C.—According to the decision rendered in the patent medicine monopoly case, the supreme court believes in free and full competition for the benefit of the consumer.

In the opinion of the department of justice this decision is of vital interest as tending to show the trend of opinion of the court and indicative of decisions to be rendered in the Standard Oil and American Tobacco cases. The right and practice of these companies to fix the prices of their produce to the consumers had been challenged by the government.

The court upheld the constitutionality of the commodities clause of the railroad law, under which railroads may not own and control subsidiary companies from which they draw their freight. The decision is a victory for the government over the Anthracite coal carriers. It reopens fundamental questions arising under the law by reversing the lower court and remanding the government case against the coal roads for retrial.

CONGRESS IN SPECIAL SESSION

In Response to the Call of President Taft Both Houses Met at Noon.

Washington, D. C.—In accordance with the call of President Taft congress convened in extraordinary session at noon. The house was called to order by Alexander McDowell clerk of the last session.

For the first time in 16 years the Democratic party finds itself in control by a most decisive majority in the lower house. One of the first acts was the election of Champ Clark of Missouri, as speaker to succeed the picturesque Cannon. All the world was there to see. Democrats have flocked into Washington during the past two days from every section of the country.

As soon as the house was organized the president was notified that congress awaited any communication he might wish to send.

DRUGGISTS MAY CUT PRICES

The United States Supreme Court Refused to Give Manufacturers Right to Control Retailers.

Washington, D. C.—The attempt to put the ban on "cut rates" in proprietary medicines in this country received the unqualified disapproval of the supreme court of the United States. That tribunal declined, in an opinion by Justice Hughes, to give its aid to such an attempt on the ground that it would afford the manufacturers of medicine an unlawful monopoly.

TWO-CENT FARE PAID BEST

In Michigan the Railroads Have Profited by the Law Reports Show.

Lansing, Michigan.—That the profit in operating steam railroads in Michigan has not fallen off under the two-cent fare law is shown by reports to the state railroad commission. Comparisons of passenger earnings under the three-cent fare in 1906 and under the two-cent fare in 1910 show increased revenues on all roads.

Republicans Selected Mann.
Washington, D. C.—At the caucus of the house Republicans the first meeting of the Republicans as a minority in 15 years, James R. Mann of Illinois was elected minority leader, former Speaker Cannon having previously declined this honor.

THINKS BETTER OF SOLDIERS

China Has Raised the Military Standard Until the Service is No Longer Despised.

Peking, China.—An imperial edict issued in the name of the infant emperor assumes for him supreme command of the army and appoints the prince regent generalissimo until the emperor attains his majority. The proclamation is the most important of a series by which the throne has gradually raised the military standard, until the army which was once a despised organization is now considered of the highest type.

Cuba's Debt Much Reduced.
Havana, Cuba.—The Cuban congress reconvened and received the presidential message in which President Gomez announces the continuance of peace and order throughout the republic. In the last two years the public debt has been reduced \$1,400,000.

FAMOUS DOCTOR'S PRESCRIPTION.



Keeps Horseshoers Busy. There are used in the British army 28,500 horseshoes every month.

To restore a normal action to liver, kidneys, stomach and bowels, take Garfield Tea, the mild Herb laxative. All druggists.

Every church preaches louder by its square dealing than by its high shouting.

Important to Mothers
Examine carefully every bottle of CASTORIA, a safe and sure remedy for infants and children, and see that it

Bears the Signature of *Dr. J. C. Watson*
In Use For Over 30 Years.
The Kind You Have Always Bought.

Tuberculosis in Japan.
Japan is not lagging behind in the fight against tuberculosis. The Japan Health association has over 200,000 local members, and carries on a campaign of lectures in the cities and towns of the country. Tuberculosis is increasing in Japan, due chiefly, Prof. S. Kitasato of Tokyo says, to the rapid development of the factory system of industry, the introduction of modern methods and manners of civilization and the increasing acuteness of the struggle for existence.

Has Cardinal Gibbons' Approval.
Cardinal Gibbons, the highest authority of the Roman Catholic church in America, has expressed his approval of Tuberculosis day, which is to be observed by the churches of the United States on or about April 30, and of the general organized anti-tuberculosis campaign, according to a report of an interview made public by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis.

The interview was granted by his eminence to H. Wirt Steele, executive secretary of the Maryland Association for the Prevention and Relief of Tuberculosis, and Dr. Charles O'Donovan, one of the leading physicians of Baltimore. The cardinal expressed his entire sympathy with the plan of the Tuberculosis day movement and endorsed the program both of the Maryland association and of the national association.

COFFEE HEART
Very Plain in Some People.

A great many people go on suffering from annoying ailments for a long time before they can get their own consent to give up the indulgence from which their trouble arises.

A gentleman in Brooklyn describes his experience, as follows:

"I became satisfied some months ago that I owed the palpitation of the heart from which I suffered almost daily, to the use of coffee. (I had been a coffee drinker for 30 years) but I found it very hard to give up the beverage.

"One day I ran across a very sensible and straightforward presentation of the claims of Postum, and was so impressed thereby that I concluded to give it a trial.

"My experience with it was unsatisfactory till I learned how it ought to be prepared—by thorough boiling for not less than 15 or 20 minutes. After I learned that lesson there was no trouble.

"Postum proved to be a most palatable and satisfactory hot beverage, and I have used it ever since.

"The effect on my health has been most salutary. The heart palpitation from which I used to suffer so much, particularly after breakfast, has disappeared and I never have a return of it except when I dine or lunch away from home and drink the old kind of coffee because Postum is not served. I find that Postum cheers and invigorates while it produces no harmful stimulation." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

Ten days' trial proves an eye opener to many.

Read the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in place of "There's a Reason."

Ever read the above letter? A new one appears from time to time. They are genuine, true, and full of honest praise.